Hanrahan Trial

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CHICAGO—Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan and his 13 codefendants in the Chicago Black Panther case waived their rights to a jury trial yesterday, opting instead to have Circuit Court Judge Philip Romiti rule on their innocence or guilt.

The move signaled the beginning of trial after almost a year of delay for the 14 who are charged with conspiracy to block prosecution of police who raided a Black Panther apartment on Dec. 4, 1969.

Romiti, at the request of defense attorneys, agreed to inspect the apartment. Lawyers said it would give him a better perspective if he could see the place where Panther leaders Mark Clark and Fred Hampton were killed during the raid.